

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

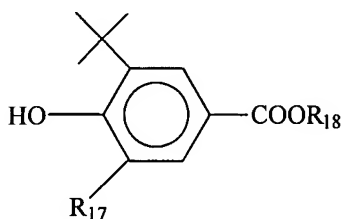
Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A stabilized fragrance candle composition comprising

- (a) wax;
- (b) fragrance; and
- (c) a stabilizing composition comprising
 - (i) a UV absorber; and
 - (ii) a hindered hydroxybenzoate.

Claim 2 (original): The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said UV absorber is selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazoles, 2-hydroxybenzophenones and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (original): The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate has the formula V:



formula V

wherein R₁₇ is a C₁-C₈ alkyl and R₁₈ is a C₁-C₂₄ alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₂₄ aryl.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate is selected from the group consisting of: 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-

hydroxybenzoate; hexadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; tetradecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; behenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate and butyl 3-[3-tert-butyl-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoyloxy)phenyl] propionate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (original): The composition of claim 2, wherein said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octoxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-bis(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; a mixture of 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2,2-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazol-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300; and $[R-CH_2CH-COO(CH_2)_3]_2$ B where $R=3'$ -tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The composition of claim 2, wherein said 2-hydroxybenzophenone is selected from the group consisting of: 2-hydroxy-4-hydroxybenzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-octoxy-benzophenone; 2-

hydroxy-4-decyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-~~dodecyloxy~~ dodecyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-benzyloxy-benzophenone; 2',4,4'-trihydroxy-benzophenones; 2-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy-benzophenone; 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-n-octoxy-benzophenone and mixtures thereof.

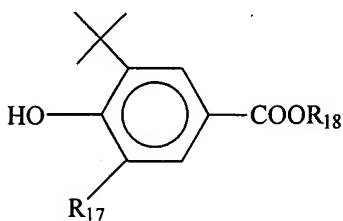
Claim 7 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of said UV absorber in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, and the amount of said hindered hydroxybenzoate in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the candle composition.

Claim 8 (original): The composition of claim 1, further comprising a pigment or an antioxidant.

Claim 9 (original): A stabilized fragrance candle composition comprising

- (a) wax;
- (b) fragrance; and
- (c) a stabilizing composition comprising
 - (i) a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole;
 - (ii) a 2-hydroxybenzophenone; and
 - (iii) a hindered hydroxybenzoate.

Claim 10 (original): The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate has the formula V:



formula V

wherein R₁₇ is a C₁-C₈ alkyl and R₁₈ is a C₁-C₂₄ alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₂₄ aryl.

Claim 11 (original): The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate is selected from the group consisting of: 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; hexadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; tetradecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; behenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate and butyl 3-[3-tert-butyl-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoyloxy)phenyl] propionate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (original): The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octoxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-bis(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; a mixture of 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-carbonyl]ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonyl]ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2,2-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazol-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300; and $[R-CH_2CH-COO(CH_2)_3]_2 B$ where $R=3'$ -tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said 2-hydroxybenzophenone is selected from the group consisting of: 2-hydroxy-4-hydroxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-octoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-decyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-~~dodecyl~~ dodecyloxy -benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-benzyloxy-benzophenone; 2',4,4'-trihydroxy-benzophenones; 2-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy-benzophenone; 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-n-octoxy-benzophenone and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (original): The candle composition of claim 9, wherein the amount of said 2-hydroxybenzophenone in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, the amount of said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt% and the amount of said hindered hydroxybenzoate in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the candle composition.

Claim 15 (original): The candle composition of claim 9, further comprising a pigment or an antioxidant.